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**To:** Perrine, Nicholas <NPerrine@nrahq.org>; Keene Donna Wiesner  
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**Subject:** Re: Questions

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Dear Nick,

All answers are below:

1. We will be very much happy if the Outdoor representative and his wife attend the trip, as well as I will be happy to see a very good friend of mine - Pete Brownell in Moscow! Let them know please that we are happy to see them in Russia!
2. We discussed with David and Donna Keene that we will be happy to pay all expenses for the group of 8 people but it could be discussed. Let me check what I can do. I do not want our guests to pay for themselves. I will let you know as soon as possible if we could handle some more expenses.

Visa Questions:

1. It is better to tell that everyone pays for himself (herself). They actually do not care about that but this answer saves you from extra questions.
2. Please do not mention the organization in Russia that invites the group. If you do this then Russian Embassy will suppose that this is a business trip and business visa is required. To make a business visa it will take 3 (!) month and requires to get an official invitation from us with the purpose of the trip. My organization will need to be officially registered and allowed by Russian government to invite foreigners that is not good for us politically and takes 6 (!) month of paper work. So your answers should be:

- you apply for the simple touristic visa;
- show the invitation from the hotel Metropol that I sent you. Pay attention that all invitations are done from the 6th of December till 13th of December (just in case);
- you tell that the purpose of the visit is to see Moscow for a week, tourism;
- you show them your tickets with the day of arrivals and departures;
- the contact information during stay in Moscow is the address and phone number of the hotel;
- you mention that each person pays for himself.

And that's it! You are done.

I am waiting for you scan copies of passports of Pete and the Outdoor Channel representatives for the last Visa Support Letters.

Maria

15 окт. 2015 г., в 8:56, Perrine, Nicholas <NPerrine@nrahq.org> написал(а):

Hi Maria,

If the Outdoor Channel representative and his wife attend, and now 1st Vice President Pete Brownell may attend as well, will this be okay? I know there was a number on how many could attend, but based on the e-mail from Donna, the Outdoor Channel rep. and his wife would pay their expenses while in Russia.

I also need your guidance on how to accurately respond to a question on the Visa application. Where it asks who will be paying for their trip and stay in Russia – what should our people put for an answer? For

the Keenes and Cors should they say NRA? Should the Goldschlagers put themselves? Or do we need to put down an organization in Russia who will be providing the lodging? Please let me know.

Thanks,  
Nick

Sincerely,

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